

Meeting Minutes
CJCC Subcommittee
Empowering Reentry & Reducing Recidivism
Jury Room B, Law & Justice Center
August 4, 2010

Members Present: Jim Cashell
Matthew Cyr
Heather Denny
Michael Dunham
Steve Ette
Dennis Houska
Shelly Johnson
Melissa Kelly
Jackie Keery
Teri Knutson
Roxanne Klingensmith
Marty Lambert
Michele Letendre
Stacey Pace
Dan Springer
Randy VanOsdol
David Young

Members Absent: Connie Campbell; Sam Casey; Jerry Crabs; Don Hargrove; Scott Malloy;
Jack Pollari; Ray Ross; Sylvan Young

Guests & Resource Members: Joe Skinner, Commissioner; Pierre Martineau, Mayor, West
Yellowstone; Jenna Caplette, DUI Task Force; Andrea Lower, Court Services; Christa
Ziegler, Court Services; Barbara Rainey, Court Services; Constantine Vorobetz, GCSO/
Court Services

Introductions & Welcome

Co-Chair Roxanne Klingensmith called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and distributed copies of the agenda and a list of the current membership of the subcommittee (members of the Executive Committee have an asterisk * by their name). Roxanne welcomed new members Melissa Kelly, Jackie Keery, Teri Knutson, Michele Letendre, and Dan Springer. Roxanne asked those attending the meeting to introduce themselves and tell who they represented.

Agenda Changes/Additions

Roxanne called for changes and/or additions to the agenda. David said that he would have a couple comments about the handouts and comment about a recent law in New Hampshire designed to reduce recidivism.

Reports from Work Groups

Roxanne said that she was going to jump around on the agenda because some of the work group

members would be leaving for another meeting at 1:30pm. Roxanne called on Jackie Keery for her report on the Educational and Vocational Program Work Group. Jackie said that she and Teri Knutson had been assigned the task of conducting an inventory of resources available for enhancing correctional education in Gallatin County. She said that several directories of existing resources are being reviewed at this time.

Proposed Vision Statement

Roxanne called for discussion regarding the proposed Vision Statement on the agenda that was formulated by the Executive Committee for consideration. Stacey Pace suggested adding the words 'law abiding' between 'productive & citizens' – thus reading – *to eliminate recidivism by empowering healthy, productive, law-abiding citizens through collaboration and effective use of resources*. Hearing no further comments, Roxanne moved and Marty seconded a motion to accept the vision statement as modified. After a call for question, the motion passed unanimously.

Reports from Work Groups (continued)

Work Group #1 - Community Partners - Roxanne Klingensmith, Chair (report to be attached)

Work Group #2 - Programming Evaluation and Outcomes - Randy VanOsdol, Chair. Randy shared that the Programming Evaluation and Outcomes Work Group met on July 20 and the minutes are attached along with a resource item on crime prevention. Shelly had a one-page report (to be attached) on Evidence-Based Practices for Reducing Recidivism that address five problem behaviors (emotional dysregulation; interpersonal dysregulation; self-dysregulation; behavioral dysregulation; and cognitive dysregulation).

Work Group #3 - Educational and Vocational Education - Dave Young, Chair

Dave Young handed out a one page (blue) report listing the Work Group goal and four objectives with persons assigned to work on each objective. No specific Action Items have been defined as yet. Dave mentioned that, in order to save on paper, on the back of the Work Group Report was a list of the Guiding Principles/Core Values of the subcommittee for new members (see attached report)

Work Groups #4 & 5 (merged/combined) - Risk/Needs Assessment Instrument & Discharge Plan. Marty Lambert, Chair (report to be attached)

Work Group # 6 - Strategic Plan - Dave Young, Chair - **No report at this time** - Dave mentioned that the Strategic Plan cannot be drafted in isolation from the other Work Groups and really cannot be accomplished until the Work Groups have completed their activities. Thus, this Work Group will not be meeting as a separate entity.

Timetable for Completion of Work Group Activities

After some discussion, there was a consensus that a deadline of **October 31, 2010** is reasonable for completion of all work group activities.

Schedule for Full Subcommittee Retreat

Since Work Groups will be finished with activities by October 31, a full subcommittee retreat will be scheduled in early to mid-November.

Presentation by Court Services

Roxanne called on Steve Ette to provide information about Court Services. Steve said that when he first attended a subcommittee meeting he thought it would be advantageous for committee members to hear what services were already operational and available. Steve mentioned that Court Services was created in 2004 from three existing departments: Pretrial Services; Community Corrections; and Treatment Court. Steve distributed copies of a power point presentation that listed nine activities involving Court Services (Page 1, slide #2). He said that since 1998, Treatment Court has screened 300 applicants and accepted 175 with a 50 percent success rate. Steve pointed out that in the past year, nearly 14,000 hours of community service have been completed at a total dollar value (minimum wage) of over \$100,000. Steve called on his staff members to provide more information as follows:

Andrea Lower - Pretrial Services – Andrea said that Pretrial Services dates back to the 1960s and she started the current Pretrial Services in December of 2001. She said they screen defendants for risk in the community using a risk assessment tool. Currently there are 310 individuals on pretrial supervision. The judge sets the conditions of release and Pretrial Services works with defendants to successfully comply with the court's conditions.

Christa Ziegler - Community Corrections – Christa mentioned that Community Corrections started in 2001 and offers the courts several alternative sentencing programs. She said that they work with 27 community sites and currently have 400 individuals working on community service. There is a \$40 processing fee and a 60 cents per hour workers comp fee. Another activity is Victim Impact Panels which are set three months in advance. The one held in July involved 138 people. She is accompanied by a MADD representative and a Bozeman Police Officer. Christa said that there is a charge of \$10 per day for defendants on electronic monitoring; however, they do work with defendants on a payment plan. She said that she processes 15-20 DUIs per month working with Shelly.

Barbara Rainey - Money Management Program & Justice Council Program - Barbara distributed brochures on these two programs and gave a brief overview of each. She said that there is a strong correlation between poor financial management and criminal activity. The Money Management Program is designed to teach basic financial skills to help ensure independence in the future. The key aspects of the Justice Council Program are to 'Restore, Repair, Re-integrate' with 'Reparative Agreements'.

Misdemeanor Probation - Constantine Vorobetz – Conte mentioned that the Misdemeanor Probation program began in 2006. The focus of the Misdemeanor Probation program is to provide the courts with sentencing enforcement for all misdemeanor cases by supervising offenders in accordance with their sentencing orders. Misdemeanor Probation focuses on 1) community safety, 2) victims' rights, and 3) offenders' accountability for completion of every facet of their sentences. Conte said that currently he is supervising 90 individuals and that 10 clients take up about 90 percent of his time. Those with higher risk are seen more often. He said that his office has more activities and collaboration but it would take too much time to review them all.

Roxanne thanked Steve and his staff for the informative and comprehensive reports and handout materials.

Report on Website Development

Roxanne said that Connie has been working on the website for the subcommittee and the good news is that it is under construction and nearly ready to go live. She said that the website will have our mission, vision, goals and objectives along with the list of members and a host of other resources. An e-mail will be sent out to all members and resource folks affiliated with the subcommittee with the link when the website goes live.

Other Items/Issues/Concerns

Heather Denny, Homeless Liaison with Bozeman Public School District 7, gave a brief overview of her program assisting children and youth (pre-K through 12th grade). Homeless school children are provided free school lunches and breakfasts. Heather said that she works with tutors at MSU and other volunteers and provides case management for at-risk youth.

Roxanne encouraged members to review the draft of the Work Group Report Form and provide Dave with feedback.

Dave Young encouraged everyone to take copies of the handout materials, especially the Summer 2010 issue of the Prevention Connection Newsletter from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services entitled “*The Invisible Epidemic*”. He said that this newsletter should be required reading for all subcommittee members. The lead article, by Montana Attorney General Steve Bullock, is about the increasing abuse of prescription drugs in Montana. Overdoses and toxic combinations of prescription drugs claim the lives of over 300 Montanans a year. In 2009, in 32 percent of all fatal motor vehicle crashes involved drugs other than alcohol.

Dave said that one handout is a flyer announcing a seminar in Helena on ‘*reducing recidivism among youthful offenders*’ scheduled for the morning of August 25. Anyone from the subcommittee who attends the seminar is encouraged to bring back a report for the September meeting. On the back of the flyer is the website for the *Level of Service Inventory-Revised (LSI-R)* listing the 10 parameters used in the assessment instrument, which is being used by the Gallatin County Reentry Program.

Dave said that on the topic of reducing recidivism, on July 29, 2010, New Hampshire Governor John Lynch signed landmark criminal justice legislation that would increase public safety by lowering the state’s recidivism rate and generate taxpayer savings. The new law has five focus areas and is projected to reduce the number of people who fail on probation and parole by 20 percent and 40 percent, respectively. Marty asked what the funding was for this new law in New Hampshire. Dave said that he did not see that mentioned in the article.

Roxanne reminded members that the next meeting will be at **1:00pm, Wednesday, September 1**. She adjourned the meeting at 2:17pm

Addendum Attachment to the Minutes:

Bozeman School District, Directory of Community Resources (provided by Jackie Keery and Teri Knutson)

